

New Mexico- Portales Field Office

FY 2005 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Dry Cropland

Applicant: 	Date: 	Total Points:
Farm No.: 	Tract No.: 	CMS Field No's.:
Tribal Land: 	Non-Tribal Land: 	Preliminary Final

1. Natural Resources Criteria - 175 Potential Points (75%)

A. Soil Erosion: Wind	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
No Till	40		
Windbreaks	5		
Field Borders	5		
Range Seeding			
3 Species	50		
2 Species	20		
1 Species	10		
A. Soil Erosion	Total		
B. Water Erosion: Ephemeral Gully, Concentrated Flow	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Diversion/Terraces/Grassed Waterway	45		
Rebuilds	20		
B. Water Erosion	Total		
C. Animals Wildlife: Inadequate Food/Cover	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Shrubs/Trees	5		
C. Animals: Wildlife	Total		
D. Animals Wildlife: Inadequate Water	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Wildlife Water	5		
D. Animals: Wildlife	Total		

2. Other Considerations - 59 Potential Points (25%)

	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species. <i>Lesser Prairie Chicken</i>	15	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	15	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	15	0	
D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	14	0	
2. Other Considerations	Total	0	

Note: Cost-shared payments associated with the no-till are limited to a maximum of 480 acres for 3 consecutive years per producer regardless of county. Grazing of livestock is prohibited on no-till contract acres if producer agrees to the no-till incentive. Producers currently applying no-till, or who have previously received cost-share payments for this practice are not eligible. In the event of a tie, contracts will be awarded based on highest soil erodibility index.

Producer

Date

Designated Conservationist

Date